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Administration | Optimistic

St. Leo Will 'Make it'

By *Liz Shonter*

Upon returning to Saint Leo, members of the college community are facing many interesting situations. The major question in mind is, just how economically stable is Saint Leo? There are problems which are evident: economic cut-backs, low enrollment, and a general air of uncertainty. Just how pressing are these problems?

Ms. Elizabeth Burke of Admissions reports that applications are higher this year than they were this time last year. Admissions has received 163 applications from men (as opposed to 115 last year) and 102 from women (109 last year). The admissions office is hoping for 400 new students next year, but this could be affected by the economic situation nation-wide.

One favorable point for the college is the fact that 68 new students have paid to enter Saint Leo in the second semester, part and full time. But this is overshadowed by the fact that many students have not yet returned from the Christmas break.

Dr. Southard's statement on the college's economic status was that the college is in very good shape. He stated that the college's net worth far exceeds its indebtedness and that, although there are a few obstacles to overcome, Saint Leo's economic outlook is on par with some, and far better than most small private colleges.

Nation-wide drops in college applications have brought about certain repercussions at Saint Leo. As a "precautionary measure" first and second year teachers received notices that their contracts may not be renewed. Dr. Southard commented that this was basically to insure against legal liability. The faculty handbook states that teachers must be notified in advance, according to the length of their employment. Had these teachers not received notices, the college would be liable for their salaries.

Dr. Southard stated that this step was taken so that, if enrollment drops by 50 students, the college's budget will be able to accommodate previously allocated expenditures without running in the red. Before faculty cut backs are made, other steps will be looked into to reserve college funds.

One such step is the possibility of two year registration for concentrators in small (numerically) majors. Another step is the reduction of electives in the lower divisions. Dr. Southard's statement on cut backs was that no concentrations will be done away with, as each is an integral part of the liberal arts atmosphere at Saint Leo College.

The recent addition of Mr. Chester Taylor to the military program at Saint Leo may be a favorable contribution to the mother campus' economic stability. The military programs, as well as continuing education programs, contribute funds which help the college to, in Dr. Southard's words, "make it."

Mr. Allan Powers, Vice President for Development, sees the college financial picture as favorable for 1975. Monetarily, the college is further ahead in contributions received this year than last, but in terms of actual contributors the college is off 100. Mr. Powers commented that, if gifts hold up, the economic outlook in his department is optimistic.

The best possibility for the increases in college contributions is alumni gifts. Mr. Powers stated that, as the number of graduating classes increases, more alumni gifts will be given, and eventually these gifts should surpass others.

Mr. Powers feels confident that Saint Leo will "make it." The institution is like a family to him, with each aspect of the community having a stake in the college. Each area of the community is dedicated and, because of this, won't let the college go down.

As of Monday, January 13, approximately 880 students have returned from the Christmas break. About 40 more students are expected to return within the week. Mr. Robert Richmond, Vice President for Business Affairs, commented that the usual student drop-off between semester I and II is 10 per cent. He did not expect it to be any higher this year than previous years.

Six Teachers Receive Notice

By Jerry Mulligan

On December 15, 1974, six teachers at Saint Leo College received notice that in September 1975 they might not be employed at this institution.

All the instructors notified are in their second year. They are Don Trotter of Business, Ty Anderson of Philosophy, Marc Rabinoff of Physical Education, Tilrow Morrison of Physical Education, and Regina Zepeda of Reading, and Dr. Myndall Stanfield of Education.

Dr. Southard, President of Saint Leo College has followed the provisions of the faculty handbook stating that if a second year instructor is not going to be rehired for the following September he must be notified by December of the previous year.

There are six first year teachers at Saint Leo that do not have to be notified of their termination until March 1. They are Sue Goliber of History, Larry Foster of Sociology, Rosco Davidson of Political Science, Margo Burgess of Special Education.

In an interview Dr. Southard said, "I wouldn't say at this time that the first year teachers would be let go." He would not say who would be employed. By following the faculty handbook Dr. Southard has the flexibility to hire or fire the instructors.

According to Dr. Southard, because of what he describes as falling enrollment, it might not be economically feasible to employ so many instructors. Southard said he did not evaluate the teachers personally. All second year teachers were notified. It is important to note that these teachers are not fired. Dr. Southard now has the legal flexibility to make that decision. If they are fired, they must be notified by March 15.

Dr. Southard said he will not consider closing any department. He said, "I consider every division important in a Liberal Arts College." He did not say how many teachers are needed to run each department.

The President said he was just trying to help the college. "No one wants to graduate from a college that no longer exists."

At this time the president is seeking an endowment to be used to support teachers' salaries and offer student scholarships. This way he could increase enrollment and make teachers' salaries respectable.

In closing Dr. Southard reasoned, "If you were sitting behind my desk, you would guess the number of faculty you are going to need for the next year . . . If you guess wrong, you take a loss."

Students Vote To Over Turn Residency Requirement

During the College Union Board elections, that occurred before the holidays, students voted against the residency requirement 231-1. The residency requirement was put on the ballot as a referendum, due to a motion by Greg Copeland at the last Senate meeting. The referendum read, "Are you in favor of the Board of Trustees residency requirement, which requires all students to live on campus, beginning with this year's freshman class? "

In past weeks some administrators have shown some desire to help students remove the requirement. Mr. Alan Powers, Vice President for Development, stated in an earlier interview, "It is senseless for the Board of Trustees to make the residential living policy without enforcing it through renovation (of the dorms)." Dean of Men, Mr. Paul Shaw, and Vice President for Student Affairs, Mr. Louis O'Gorman, have earlier expressed similar sentiments.

The Student Rights Committee will be sending out letters to parents of students, explaining the situation regarding the residency requirement. The committee will be coordinating efforts to persuade the Board to rescind the requirement.

Has The Administration Lost Sight Of The St. Leo's Philosophy ?

Once again the students have been adjudged incompetent to handle their own affairs. The administration has some how reasoned that 300 members of the Inter Fraternity Council are not able to reach an intelligent decision regarding the admittance of a new fraternity into its organization. Further, the IFC has been told that its constitution is not suitable for current problems.

Not attempting to judge the merits of those arguments, Monarch asks whether it should be the prerogative of the administration to be judge and jury as to the adequacy of an organization's constitution. Are we to believe that resolution of problems lies within the destruction of the constitutional means designed to meet and solve problems? How is it that by deactivating the IFC, things will take a turn for the better?

Monarch does not see deactivation as a useful means to achieving the desired ends. In the first place, the deactivation policy of the college was misused. As the IFC met to discuss compromises, the statement of deactivation sat typed and waiting for signature on Mr. O'Gorman's desk.

Deactivation means that the forum for continued discussions is lost, that with the demise of the organization a split is created between those fraternities who agreed to and those frats that opposed Phi Delta Omega's entry into IFC, as it was only the IFC and its constitution, no matter what one might think of it, that bound the fraternities together and gave them a common ground which is so important to meaningful discussions.

Another unavoidable ramification of deactivation will be feelings by a substantial group that the administration does not respect the integrity of student organizations. How can students be expected to take seriously an administration that breaches its stated philosophy: "The College's emphasis (is) on the involvement of all of its members in the determination and implementation of policies and regulations" (Saint Leo College Catalogue, 74-75 edition, page 10, second paragraph).

Often we hear the remark, "It sounds good in theory, but it won't work in practice." Perhaps the real problem is that "it", in this case, the college philosophy, was not practiced. Let's not seek to attach blame, but rather commit ourselves to a policy of mutual respect for one another, for without it we are not going to get very far as a community.

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Can We Afford Twelve Less Teachers ?

by Gerard Mulligan

Several days before the Christmas break, Dr. Thomas Southard, President of the College, notified six second year instructors that their contracts might not be renewed for the fall '75 semester.

It might also be predicted that six first year teachers will also be warned that they should seek employment elsewhere.

Many, if not all, of these instructors are an intricate part of the Saint Leo community. They are important to their respective divisions and the overall academic standing of the institution. Dr. Southard has stated that because of the lower enrollment and rising inflation, it might not be economically feasible to employ so many.

It has not been officially stated that the teachers are fired. It also has not been stated that the teachers are going to be rehired. There are rumors spreading, students speculating and teachers seeking out new jobs. Even if all the instructors are rehired, the air of rumor is having a bad effect on the morale of the students and faculty.

Teachers are looking for new jobs and many students are considering other schools. The uncertainty of the situation is causing tension, and the tension is making alternative moves brighter.

Once again, the administration of Saint Leo has shown that the most important part of every American institution is economics, but it should not be so important that those in power positions slash indiscriminately at its employees. If, indeed, the economic situation demands a cut in employment of personnel, the entire college community should have a say in who is and who is not going to remain.

If the budget of the college called for a cut of $100,000, the approximate salary of the twelve teachers approaching termination, there could be other alternatives to cutting faculty.

There could be an across the board proprotional cut in salary, starting from the highest administrative position to the salaries of the housekeeping staff.

All new monies aimed at campus improvement could be diverted to teacher salaries. What good would a new tennis complex do, if the college could not offer an acceptable academic education?

All expense accounts of administrative personnel should be cut strictly to that which directly benefits the college, not the social standing of the limited recipients.

If there is going to be a cut in faculty, there should also be an equal cut in the administration. The many resident hall directors who are no longer students should be eliminated and the money reinvested in active student members. Administrative posts should be reduced before faculty positions are eliminated due to financial problems.

But, if Dr. Southard decides that the only way to save the college financially is to cut the faculty, the students should have an important say in who is cut and who remains. If there are faculty cuts, they should not be made because of the amount of time employed.

There are good teachers and good administrators; and there are bad teachers and bad administrators. If we must weed, let us all weed together, and weed those who are bad.

If there has ever been a time for the faculty and students to unite, the time is now.

Students' freedom to pursue an adequate education at Saint Leo is being threatened. Teachers' freedom to pursue their academic goals is being threatened by employment tensions. The economic air of indecision has reached Saint Leo. If the administration's decision does not meet the majority's approval, then that decision must be questioned. We must have a say in our future!

231-1, Will It Matter ?

by John Gallagher

On Friday, December 13, members of the student body showed overwhelming disapproval of the Board of Trustees' five month old residency requirement.

The issue was placed on the ballot as a referendum during the College Union Board elections, with a vote of 231 against and 1 in favor. An attempt by the "Lone Ranger" to rationalize his or her position in favor of the requirement will be welcomed, as space in next week's issue will be provided for this purpose.

The policy takes effect on this year's freshman class. The following is an excerpt from the College Catalogue, "Beginning in September 1974, all students applying to Saint Leo College will be required to live in college housing for the duration of their college years." One small item is overlooked: many students will transfer to other colleges that allow off campus living. Saint Leo College should acknowledge the fact that we are not the only college or university in existence. Does anyone realize that there are over 400 freshman students (as of last semester) out of an overall total enrollment of barely 900? The Board of Trustees use strong language when they "sentence" new students to on campus living "for the duration of their college years." This is rather odd, when one considers the extremely high turnover of students.

Steps are being taken in the hopes that the Board might rescind the residency requirement. Mr. Louis O'Gorman, Vice President for Student Affairs, has been working on a study, showing that he expects to lose between 15-18 students a year as a result of the ruling. The Student Rights Committee of the SGA is in the process of sending letters out to parents, explaining the situation on the residency requirement.

I appeal to all concerned students to write letters to the Board, for presentation, asking them to overturn the residency requirement. Address letters to: Chairman, Board of Trustees, Mr. Raleigh Greene. Students should drop them off in the SGA office in Saint Edward Hall, in care of the Student Rights Committee. The issue here is not of wanting to move off campus, but rather of having a choice.

Where is Freebie ?

Dear Editor,

Does anyone remember that little brownish-red dog that was always sleeping near Saint Francis Hall? We are puzzled as to her whereabouts – she has not been around this semester. Where is Freebie?

Sincerely,

John Stancoven

Editor's Note: The Monarch placed a call to Land O'Lakes, location of the Pasco County Animal Shelter, concerning the canine mascot of Saint Leo College. We asked for a description of all dogs turned in from Saint Leo. None of the descriptions resembled that of Freebie. It was reported that the Chief of Security had earlier held the dog in custody over the holidays. One of the secretaries of the college, who had been caring for the dog, made a plea for the release of Freebie. The secretary then took the dog home – Freebie later ran away and hasn't been seen since.

O'Gormans Deactivation Statement

O'Gorman Disbands I. F. C.

Dear Members of Inter Fraternity Council and Members of Fraternities:

By the authority vested in me through Saint Leo College and with the greatest interest for fraternity life on the Saint Leo campus, I do hereby declare the Inter Fraternity Council of Saint Leo College deactivated. While this may seem to be a serious declaration, I am confident that the deactivation of the Inter Fraternity Council and the formation of a new fraternity council can best serve the interest of fraternity life at Saint Leo College.

The reasons for the deactivation process are: 1.) The Inter Fraternity Council has a constitution that is not flexible enough to meet present problems. 2.) The constitution of the Inter Fraternity Council has been neglected in important areas in judging evaluation procedures of a new fraternity. 3.) A new council with a new constitution can more readily serve the needs of fraternities at this time.

In evaluating the prospective member, Phi Delta Omega, for membership in the Inter Fraternity Council, section 5004 of the Inter Fraternity Council stipulates that the evaluation committee submit a written report at least bimonthly to the Inter Fraternity Council on the progress or regress of the group. This stipulation has not been complied with. Section 5005 of the Inter Fraternity Council constitution stipulates that one week prior to the termination of probation the committee shall submit a final report to the Inter Fraternity Council and the College recommending either acceptance or rejection and stated justification for the report. This stipulation has not been complied with. Section 5007 of the Inter Fraternity Council constitution indicates that the Dean of Student Affairs and the Inter Fraternity Council members must concur on a decision regarding the acceptance of a fraternity in the Inter Fraternity Council. This concurrence is an impossibility at the present. The constitution is unworkable from the view point of the Inter Fraternity Council as well as from the view point of the Vice President for Student Affairs.

The monies that are in the Inter Fraternity Council should be returned to the respective fraternities according to membership. The future activities and athletic activities of the council are null and void.

This declaration of deactivation is not an attempt to exert power or manipulation, but rather a sincere effort to institute a new organization with a workable constitution in order to foster the utmost cooperation between the fraternities and the college administration and to secure a great spirit of harmony under the united bond of friendship. It is my sincere desire that a more perfect unity of effort truly can become a realization at a time in the year when the message of peace and good will to all mankind is being proclaimed everywhere.

A review board made up of equal representatives of all interested fraternities will be appointed to screen membership for a new fraternity council that will be formed at the beginning of the second semester.

It is important to note that no fraternity is deactivated, but rather the Inter Fraternity Council as a group is deactivated. This declaration is in no way intended to undermine the integrity and ability of the Inter Fraternity Council officers, but rather to facilitate their needs for solutions to current problems.

Respectfully,

Saint Leo College, Louis J. O'Gorman, Vice President for Student Affairs

This deactivation is effective Tuesday, December 17, 1974.

Dear Editor,

Mr. O'Gorman and Phi Delta Omega have made their position on the situation clear. The fraternities, however, are still considering what course of action they will take. Kappa Theta will abide by the fraternities' decision.

Mike Lacy, President of Kappa Theta

Dear Editor,

Speaking as a member of Alpha Sigma Chi and the Inter-Fraternity Council, I am totally disheartened by the recent disbanding of the IFC. I feel a grave injustice has been done, in that we, as students, no longer have a voice in how we run our own organizations.

After the vote for the acceptance or rejection of Phi Delta Omega was taken (a "No" vote was cast by the IFC), Mr. Shaw presented his resignation to the members. Then the IFC was told that, if it would let Phi Delta Omega into the IFC, everything would go on as normal. If, however, we rejected this alternative, the IFC would be disbanded and not allowed to use the school facilities for our organization's (IFC) use. While I hold nothing personal against Mr. Shaw or Mr. O'Gorman, I feel that the days of "You play ball my way or I'll take it home" have passed.

Students should be allowed to run their own organizations the way they feel fit. Personally, I think the disbanding of the IFC by the administration will only unify and strengthen the group and make it stronger so that it will be able to solve problems like this without the "help" of the administration.

Whatever happened to students rights?

Respectfully,

Bill Cullen, Alpha Sigma Chi

As president of Sigma Beta fraternity, I am very displeased with the decision the colleg has made on disbanding the IFC.

I think that the IFC has the right to admit or not admit anyone they wish to.

The IFC has a constitution which all the fraternities abide by. When there is a decision to be made, all fraternities have a say in it. The final decision is what the majority wants. So, if the majority of frats don't want something passed, I don't feel the administration has the right to step in and just take over.

Jack Metz, President

Dear Editor,

Kappa Alpha Sigma feels that there was no justification in deactivating the IFC. The whole matter has been blown out of proportion, and the IFC offered a fair solution and was turned down. Many students will be hurt by this hasty and rash move, which was done to force one organization into another existing organization. This, we feel, is not the way reasonable men solve problems. Taking away a gym in denying our traditional Greek Weekend will not cause us to concede our principles. Kappa Alpha Sigma is more than jocks and beer drinkers. We are backing the IFC in all its decisions and will do all we can to preserve this organization of which we are a member.

Richard Catalano, President of Kappa Alpha Sigma

Dear Editor,

I feel that the IFC is the union of all fraternities. Therefore, I think this union should not be dissolved. Phi Theta Chi is unanimously in favor of the last decision reached by the IFC, stating that all fraternities should remain together throughout our crisis. Phi Theta Chi decided to admit Phi Delta Omega into the IFC, but, at this point, we feel that Mr. O'Gorman decided the fate of the IFC in haste and neglected to realize what benefit the IFC is to Saint Leo College.

Jim Buckman, Vice President of Phi THeta Chi

Dear Editor,

I think the decision reached by Mr. O'Gorman, at that point in time, was one of haste and severity. I feel Mr. O'Gorman should have played the role of a mediator. Instead, he pretentiously deactivated the Inter Fraternity Council. The Inter Fraternity Council Executive Board drew up a list of comporomises that were presented to Phi Delta Omega during a special meeting. Each compromise was explained in detail to both Omega and the IFC. A few hours later, I received a letter from Omega, stating that they would, under no circumstances, accept the compromises. If the three groups could yield on certain points, I'm sure the problem could readily be resolved. We need the help and understanding of the administration, the IFC and Phi Delta Omega of what would be agreeable to each party.

William J. Breen, President of IFC

Dear Editor,

In my opinion, the current confrontation between the IFC and our administration achieved visible positive results. Although the council in the past has not been able to recognize fraternities, the crisis brought all Greeks together in a joint effort of unity. My hope is that the IFC will be able to forget these unstable times and move towards a fully unified Inter Fraternity Council, seven strong. The future is one of growth and a strengthening of our own commitment to the brotherhood. Lambda's loyalty lies with the other five fraternities, but hopefully all will be able to accept each other with an unprejudicial attitude. To Mr. O'Gorman, the six presidents, and, most of all, the IFC Executive Board: thank you.

Bill Thompson, President of Sigma Lambda

Dear Editor,

Phi Delta Omega rejected the recent proposals by the IFC because of the heavily biased evaluations that were given to us. We feel that we had been served an injustice because of our repeated, sincere efforts to become a working and valuable part of the INter Fraternity Council.

During our recent probation period, we discovered that the IFC does not adhere to its constitution in promoting Greeks on campus. The IFC constitution is too rigid in its laws, as was found out during the appeal process which followed our rejection from the IFC. We feel that the IFC should be the strongest organization on campus, which, at this time, it is not. On this campus the IFC means sports and that is it. We feel that it is in the better interests of other fraternities, ourselves, and the school, if a new IFC was formed that would become involved in all facets of school life.

John Barry, President of Phi Delta Omega

What About Those Five Dollar Drop And Add Fees ?

by John Gallagher

Monarch interviewed Mr. James Christiansen of the records office, concerning the fees that students are required to pay for late registration, drops and adds. Student Body President James Loiacono stated that he had approached Christiansen earlier and requested that he drop all fees until January 15th. Christiansen affirmed, "He (Loiacono) had been assessed a fee and he came in and said he was there on behalf of a number of students who had complained to him. I doubt he was really in here for that, because there weren't that many students who had been assessed." Christiansen explained that he had sent Loiacono to Mr. Robert Richmond, Vice President for Financial Affairs. After a telephone conversation with Richmond, Christiansen stated, "Mr. Richmond said he didn't understand what Loiacono wanted." Christiansen explained that the charge is listed in the college catalogue and that it cannot be lifted.

When asked what the reason for the $5 fees was, Christiansen answered that the cards have to be processed manually. The usual procedure is for the cards to be run through a computer, taking only a few seconds. When students register late and drop and add courses, nearly an hour's worth of work is required as they are processed by hand.

When asked who decides when the deadline is set for free late registration, drops and adds, Christiansen explained that the charge can be used at the administration's discretion. They may put it into effect the day after registration or allow the students to go uncharged up to five days after the registration. The fees could have been charged on Tuesday, but the administration wanted students to be able to go to all of their classes before they put the fee up on Thursday. According to Christiansen, this allowed students time to change their minds about a class after attending it and not be charged for dropping it and/or adding another one. The administration usually extends the fees for several days – if the registration doesn't run smoothly. September registration is usually the most difficult, as many students are, for the most part, unsure about what classes to take and incoming students are many. January registration is less hectic because students have already pre-registered before leaving for Christmas vacation. Christiansen reflected on last week's registration, "No one stood in line for more than three minutes – I was there the whole day."

There are exceptions concerning students who are assessed. If a student is a victim of a mistake on the part of faculty or administration, then he/she is not charged.

The Director of Admissions, Fr. Dennis Murphy, established the amount of the fees in 1971 at $5 – before that it was $10. When asked if the college realizes a profit off the fees, Christiansen said, "We don't even break even on the drop and add charge." In closing, Christiansen said, "I don't know of any registration that goes as well as ours." And, ". . . I don't think there's really any call for complaints."

Commentary

Loiacono Sees Christiansen

Dear Editor,

In past months there has been much concern over the increase in student fees: facility and rental, drop and add, College Union Board, to name a few. Such concern is easily understood, especially when present social and economic factors are considered. However, allow me to relate to you an incident which occurred recently and, hopefully, the situation will be cleared of its bureaucratic facades.

Upon learning of the $5 drop and add charges which went into effect Jan. 7, I requested a meeting with Mr. James Christiansen, Registrar of Saint Leo College. I asked Mr. Christiansen for a justification of the $5 fee and if it would be possible to extend the present deadline to the 15th. His answer was no, that he had no other choice but to levy the fee, due to the operational costs of processing the forms.

As to the extension of time allowed for free course changes, I was directed to the Finance Office. When I confronted the finance office with my problem, I was told that it was up to Mr. Christiansen to set the date. Also, I was informed that the late registration date and fee had been published (in boldface type – how about that) on the front page of the new schedular and in the college catalogue. So, why all the fuss?

Finally, I asked Mr. O'Gorman if he would assist me in the matter and, thanks to him, I at least received an answer (in English). The fee would stay, effective Jan. 7.

I can't understand why a small, uncomplicated institution has to run things by such stringent rules. We don't even have a thousand students and we're treated as if twenty thousand were being processed.

This is just a small item, yet its significance is great. We cannot continue to just accept these rules and fees simply because they exist, assuming that if they exist they must therefore be legitimate. I know that most of us feel nothing can be done and there's no use in "banging your head against a brick wall." But if it's done hard enough and often enough, it'll fall.

Sincerely,

James Loiacono, President, Student Government Association

A Semi- Annual Encounter; The Woes Of Registration

by Lenny Westerfield

In way of a prefatory note to what may seem a rather severe article, let it be noted that its writer has presented it in a vein of hopefully constructive criticism. It is not intended or offered as an exhaustive analysis of the Leonine system of registration, but rather as a presentation of what can and did happen inside the machinery. Neither is it by any means certain that the experience related here can be considered as representative of that of all, or even most, of the students. Nevertheless, this writer feels sure that there are others who were similarly traumatized and alienated at this beginning of our second semester and to those fellow unfortunates it is sympathetically dedicated.

The whole encounter began harmlessly enough: having missed the morning registration, I arrived on campus at 11:30 to find out just how simple our simplified form of registration would prove to be. At this point, still in possession of hope, trust, and other qualities that were to fade away rapidly during the course of unfolding events, I proceeded to the admissions office to inquire about my late registration. In the most deceptively innocent tone, I was quite mistakenly assured that all I need do was go to records, who would already have my permit to register, and simply pick up my permit to enter class envelope.

With childlike confidence, I approached the records office to be greeted by a neatly lettered sign informing all who could read that the folks there were out to lunch and would return at noon. I put this period of waiting to good purpose by taking my own midday meal and returned to the office shortly before twelve. Actual arrival time for the records officials turned out to be more like 12:15, but then no right thinking person could begrudge an extended lunch hour for anyone, unless, of course, it is being spent in McDonald Cafeteria.

Following a not unreasonable wait in line, I reached what I then thought would be a brief conclusion to a simple process. My first, but still minor, alarm came when one of the inhabitants of that office-cubicle painfully cried out that the people in admissions didn't know what they were talking about. Sounding rather like a poor soul undergoing the torments of the damned, said records person let it be known that a trip to the finance office was necessary to retrieve the all-powerful permit to register. At this point I paused to wonder what awesome events had transpired at this winuow during the day to reduce the person on the other side to such a state. I was to find out soon enough.

Chastisingly muttering to myself that I should have known better, I sauntered over to the finance office, only to learn that they, too, were enjoying lunch. In this case, there had apparently been an hour's delay and their announced time of return was 1:00 p.m. With nothing else to do but hang around, I was there when they filed back in at 1:20.

The first possible reform of the registration process suggested itself to me: mandatory synchronization of watches and a standardized lunch break.

Once back in their office, it took the finance officials a little while longer to become aware of the presence of those waiting at the window for permits. Reaching the glass window, I was sympathetically but adamantly told that, since I was no longer a resident student, I would need a

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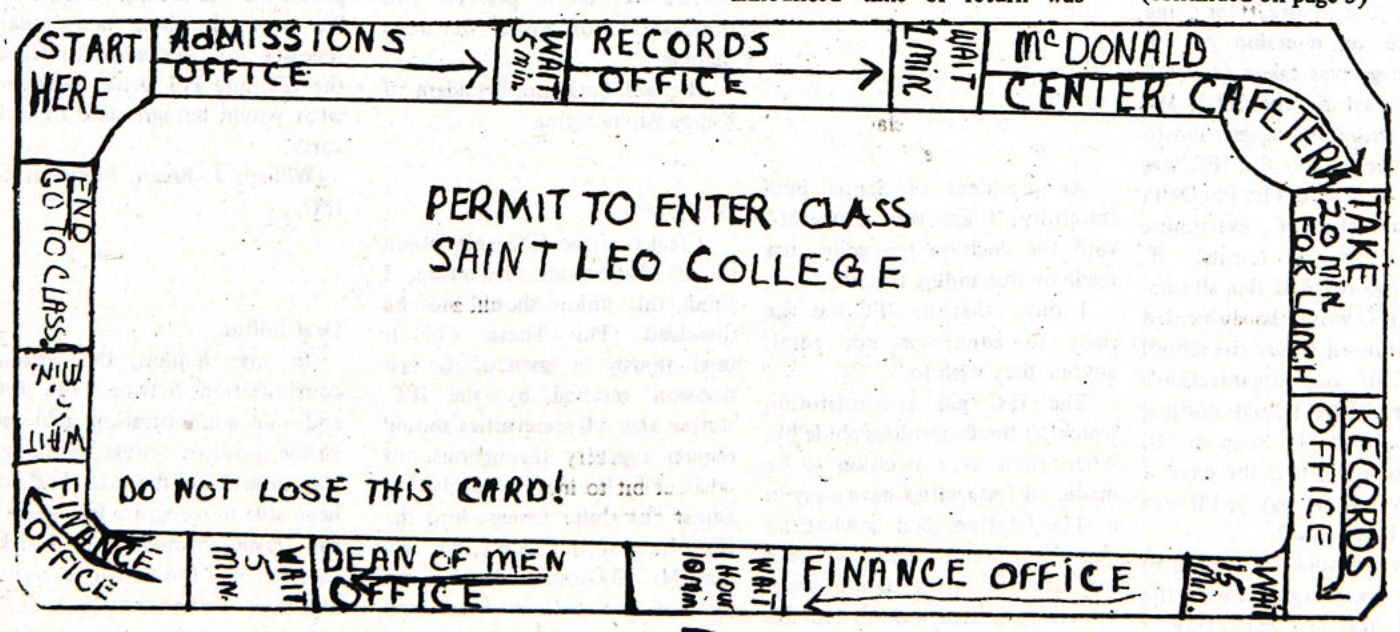

President Takes One New Post

Dr. Southard, President of Saint Leo College, has taken upon himself a new administrative position. Coinciding with his position as president, he is now head of the campus grounds crew.

In an interview with Monarch, Dr. Southard said, "I thought the grounds were a mess and I wanted to do something about it."

Brother John-Mark, former head of the grounds crew, has been relieved of his duties and Dr. Southard is now in complete control. Each morning Dr. Southard draws up a list of jobs that must be done that day. "You just can't send boys out to work, unless they know specifically what to do." He has also assigned work-study students to campus cleanup, and each dorm director now has a student keeping its respective areas policed.

Dr. Southard is interested in securing the entire student body's support in keeping the campus clean. Brother John-Mark commented that he had sought the student body's support, but could not overcome the bureaucracy of the Student Government Association. Dr. Southard does not have the same problem as Brother John-Mark.

Southard says he wants to give the entire campus a manicure, "I am directly in charge. If necessary I will be here Saturdays and Sundays."

"I love planting," says Southard. "It is my hobby. We have thousands of thousands of dollars in plants and shrubs which people have given us."

Dr. Southard is also seeking an endowment that would yield enough funds for perpetual care of the grounds. He would like to call it the Bertha Brown Fund, because of her generosity in the past to campus beauty.

To many on campus, the problem that is the most important is the amount of trash thrown around. Dr. Southard is seeking support in keeping the campus clean. Brother John-Mark offers him best of luck.

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One Registration

change of status form from the Dean's office. This was a mild surprise, but a nerve had been struck.

I had started to get a little edgy by the time I reached Mr. Shaw's office and inquired of his lovely little blond candidate for the secretarial hall of fame as to why the change of status form had not reached finance yet. I had let it be known before first semester's end that I would be living off campus and it seemed to me that the form could have, and should have, been sent over long before. I still do not fully understand why not, but the Dean's secretary seemed to convey the impression that in some vague way it was, after all, my fault. I suspect she has long since abandoned herself to a distorted form of some pragmatically realist philosophy – what is supposed to happen will happen and, if it doesn't, blame no one but yourself.

With status form finally and firmly in hand, I was admitted into the inner sanctum of the finance office for the beginning of the climax of the whole sordid affair. Truly, this fool had wandered in where doubtless no angel would dare to tread. It was revealed to me that I was still in arrears to finance for a hefty $600.00 and made clear in no uncertain terms that no money meant no registration. After this great clincher, all else paled into the insignificance of petty inconvenience.

Through failure on my part to understand my starlingly clear (?) financial statement received in December, I was totally unaware of the need to cough up my balance before beginning second semester. I confess that mathematics has never been my strong point and now I see that I am also greatly lacking in group psychology. However, by what must surely have been an act of semi-divine grace, I was permitted to sign a promissory note giving me three days to come across with the cash. Needless to say, I was able to do so and thus able to be here to present the article (indictment?) you are reading.

It was during this massive confrontation with the power of finance that I encountered the truly formidable personage of a certain Mrs. Molnar. If anyone rates mention by name here, it is she. Capable of rattling off with the greatest of ease a near-endless stream of facts, figures and all sorts of miscellaneous data in a carefully maintained monotone, I am convinced that she could be quite easily and most appropriately replaced by a talking computer. The level of human warmth exuded would be roughly about the same. She was truly for me the living embodiment of the terrors of Saint Leo's bureaucratic financial oligarchy.

Having felt the purse strings closing tightly around my neck, I realized with a distressing clarity of perception that here in the hallowed halls of the finance

What case can one plead against the monolithic power of the dollar and the overdue bill – academic excellence, a four-point average or, even more importantly, what should be a fundamental right to education for the deserving? I am sure the forthcoming Molnarian reply would only be: "That does not compute!"

Having reached the end of the above tale of woe, the question will naturally arise in the mind of the reader, "What alternatives can this guy propose? Is all this criticism accompanied by some proffered solutions?" I can only confess, in way of reply, that overhauling entrenched establishment machinery is not my main talent. Hopefully, some more talented than I can come up with some workable ideas.

However, throughout the entire affair, I found myself reflecting upon the wise words of Father Henry Koren in last semester's phenomenology class about raising the impersonal,

businesslike encounter from the level of pure indifference to one of appreciating the other as human subject. Ideally, politeness and consideration will result from making the endeavor. Surely, a professedly humanistic Christian college is a good place to try it out.

Further, it escapes me completely as to why registration must be a one day, all-out, helter-skelter affair. Wouldn't two days, at least for the freshman class, be possible and better? Might not we also send all officials involved in the process through a crash course in empathy, including some time spent practicing waiting in seemingly endless lines?

A final word to the administration, and especially to all the dear folks in finance: this is, after all, a school, not a financial corporation. We are students here to learn and develop, not customers simply making a purchase. Phenomenologically speaking, let's all do our bit to increase the awareness of ourselves and others as not being the file cards and code numbers we are not supposed to be.

National News Notes

DEAN, MAGRUDER, KALMBACH FREED

Judge John Sirica ordered John Dean, Jeb Magruder and Herbert Kalmbach freed from prison. There was a hint that the three had their sentences terminated because of their help in the prosecution in the recently completed Watergate coverup trial.

HARRIS RUNNING FOR PRESIDENT

Former Senator Fred Harris announced his candidacy as a Democratic hopeful in 1976. Harris stated, "The basic question in 1976 is whether our government will look after the interests of the average family or continue to protect the super-rich and the giant corporations." Governor Jimmy Carter of Georgia and Representative Morris Udall of Arizona have already announced their intentions to be the Democratic nominee for President.

GREAT MOMENTS IN THEOLOGY

NEW YORK (LNS) – In a sermon recently distributed to British golf magazines, Billy Graham suggested that golf is a parable for the Christian life.

As reported in the Village Voice, Graham reminded his readers that stance is important, advised them to keep their eye on the ball and follow through. If these steps are followed, the evangelist promised golfers will be greeted at the clubhouse by "the greatest pro of all time, Jesus Christ."

MINISTERS SAY HOME EC MAKES BOYS GAY

NEW MILFORD, Conn (LNS) – Two Baptist ministers are threatening to sue school officials in New Milford, Connecticut, over required sixth grade home economics courses which they say encourage homosexuality in boys.

The ministers say that the courses "usurp the authority of the home" and force children into "a situation which is foreign to his or her traditional role."

They also claim that "by having a young boy cook or sew and wearing an apron we're pushing a boy into homosexuality. It's contrary to what the home and the bible have stood for. When God set up the human race there was a division of sexes. A woman's place is in the home. That's where God put them, barring unusual circumstances."

"Our mission is to serve you, not to regulate you. We try to avoid it. I pledge to you that the department is at your service."

–Interior Secretary Rogers Morton at a recent reception at the White House for petroleum industry officials.

Director Colby here tells me, 'Sure the CIA's sneaky, but compared to the rest of the world we don't use that much intelligence.'

Lamb Elected CUB Chairperson

College Union Board Gets Underway

Results from the College Union Board Elections

* - winners (each student allowed 3 votes)

		% of vote	major
Freshmen (161 votes)			
John Gallagher*	50	31%	English & Pol. Science
Rich Daniels*	42	26%	Criminology
Mari Steiner*	39	24%	Business
Sterling Eaves	30	19%	
Sophomores (138 votes)			
Kevin Remarchuk*	41	30%	Sociology
Marian Gallagher*	35	25%	Math
Ann Jamesson*	35	25%	Elem. Education & Art
Sharon Maynard	27	20%	
Juniors (213 votes)			
Kevin Lamb*	55	26%	Pol. Science & Business
Joe Valenti*	49	22%	Business
Amy Ryan*	30	14%	Psychology
Peter Angelone	29	14%	
Rick Maline	27	13%	
Bob Lennox	23	11%	
Seniors (127 votes)			
Steve Guinter*	38	30%	Sociology
Bill Cullen*	33	26%	Biology
Ralph Pandolfe*	22	17%	P.E. & Psychology
Nancy Donnelly	21	17%	
Bill Tuson	13	10%	

Fine Arts Department Representative

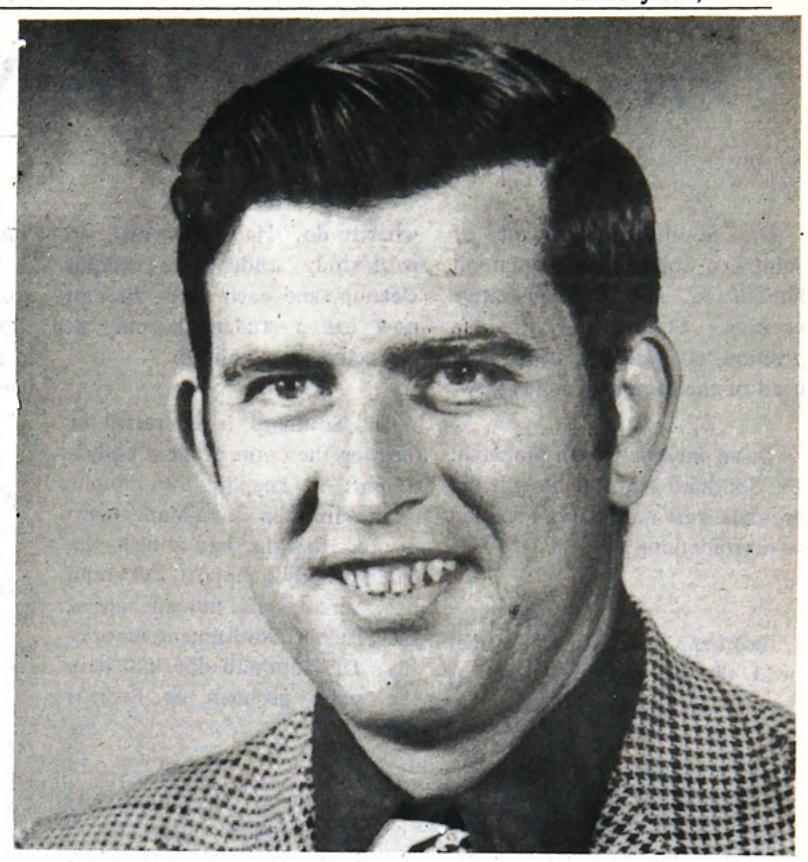
Maurice Beal* -unopposed

by John Gallagher

On Friday, December 13, the student body elected its representatives for the newly established College Union Board. An estimated 250 students, a turnout of over 25 per cent, took time out to vote. Many students complained that the voting, which was run by the SGA, was open for too short a time, as the polls closed at 2 p.m. Consequently, many students were unable to vote, as they were unaware of the polling hours.

Junior Amy Ryan resigned shortly after the election, saying that she had decided to study in Rome this semester. Freshman Mari Steiner resigned last week for academic reasons. Peter Angelone, the next runner-up, was appointed by the CUB at its first meeting, to replace Ryan as Junior representative. A replacement for Steiner will be voted on at the next meeting.

In other action, the CUB members decided to allocate $150 for reservations to be used for three students in a trip to Washington for the purpose of reviewing entertainment.



Griffith Resigns To Accept National Corporate Position

The Vice President for Academic Affairs announced Friday the resignation of Mr. David Griffith, Director of Educational Services. No reasons were given in the official notice, but in a telephone interview with Monarch, Mr. Griffith stated that he was taking a position with a "national corporation." He declined to name the corporation.

Mr. Griffith stated further that when people resign, there tend to be feelings of "adverse reasons." According to Griffith, there are no such reasons in this case and Dr. Southard has extended an invitation to Griffith to return to Saint Leo College "should things not work our for him."

Mr. Griffith added that in taking his skill, talent and experience to a national corporation, he was acting within the philosophy of Saint Leo, which, in his words, is to "reach up."

In concluding, Griffith noted that Saint Leo College's participation in the Armed Forces Bootstrap Program, which he directed, will be featured in the March issue of "Readers Digest."

Dr. Robert Peterson in announcing the resignation, effective January 31, 1975, stated that Mr. Griffith had recommended a successor and that applications for the position would close Tuesday of this week. Mr. Griffith denied reports that Dr. Southard was seeking a replacement for position when he went to California last October. While in California, Dr. Southard visited Champman College, which is heavily involved in the Bootstrap Program, and discussed the formation of consortium between Chapman and Saint Leo.

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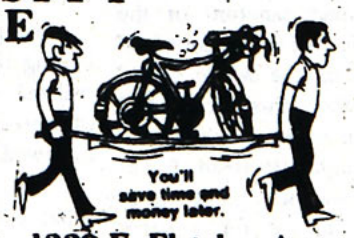

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Mcdonnel-Douglas Facing Costly Lawsuit

. NEW YORK (LNS) – The worst crash in history occurred on March 3 of this year when a DC-10 crashed near Paris, killing all 346 people on board. More than twice as many people were killed in that crash than in any other disaster in the role of aviation.

The giant aircraft manufacturer is faced with current damage suits which could award as much as $460 million to the relatives of the victims. But the stakes are even higher than this for McDonnel Douglas, reports Alexander Cockburn in the November 14 issue of the Village Voice.

McDonnel Douglas has invested $1.5 billion in development costs alone for the DC-10 and to break even, about 430 DC-10s have to be sold. But at the moment, sales are only at the 220 mark. Unfavorable publicity about the DC-10 at this time could obviously have a disastrous effect on the corporation's sales pitch.

Douglas itself had to admit soon after the crash occurred that the failure of the cargo door in flight was the most probable cause of the crash. They knew this, because the failure was a virtual carbon copy of a similar event involving a DC-10 over Windsor, Ontario in June of 1972.

The corporation also knew that there were problems with the cargo door from the very start, when the first DC-10 had been undergoing ground pressurization tests in 1970. In those tests, the front cargo door blew open and the floor partially collapsed, damaging the control cables that travel under the floor.

In addition, the Convair Division of General Dynamics, which was building and partially designing the fuselage and the door, had written a report saying that it was certain that a cargo door would come off in flight, and that the results would be catastrophic.

McDonnell Douglas' first public statements after the crash were devoted to attacking the baggage handler at Orly airport near Paris, claiming that he must have "forced the door shut." But the French trade unions soon threatened to prevent DC-10s from loading in France if the company persisted in this line.

Then McDonnell Douglas tried to lay the blame on the Turkish Airline that owned the jumbo jet, saying that the airline's mechanics must have mis-rigged the cargo door after the plane was delivered.

Yet McDonnell Douglas admits that at least one vital modification required after the incident above Windsor, Ontario – which would have prevented the door from being improperly closed – had not been made on the Turkish plane even though McDonnell Douglas' records falsely showed this modification had been made.

About 200 relatives of the crash victims instructed lawyers to sue the corporation in California. Pre-trial motions began in July. McDonnell Douglas tried, in vain, to get the relatives of the 200-odd British citizens who were killed in the crash, to settle in Britain, where damages claims are vastly smaller than those legally allowed in the U.S.

The Federal Court Judge in the Los Angeles District had wanted to obtain a list of all the victims' relatives in order to inform them of their rights to file for damages under California law within one year of the crash. To stop this, McDonnell Douglas went to court to enjoin the judge against telling people of their rights.

Then, to keep the story from getting out to the press, the corporation wanted the deposition process (in which employees of McDonnell Douglas, under oath, are asked by the plaintiff's lawyers to describe the design, development and manufacture of the DC-10) to be sealed and not made available to the press.

The judge in the case announced that he could see no reason why the newspapers should not get the material. But the corporation has since discovered a technicality that would keep depositions secret instead of merely secure.

McDonnell Douglas' extreme efforts certainly match the importance of the DC-10 suit. This is the first case which establishes the right of foreigners traveling on a foreign line (Turkish), insured by a foreign company (Lloyds of London) which crashed in a foreign country (France), to sue manufacturers in the United States.

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The Battle Of

The Behemoths

by Leo Zarifian

They first catch a glimpse of each other in a rather small clearing which serves as a boundary for their respective territories of influence. One, the larger of the two beasts, frequently maintains its residence at the edge of the clearing, while the other has intruded from the confines of a dark jungle which marks the opposite end of the open area. They are now in full view of each other, carefully sizing up the pros and cons which will result from the inevitable conflict soon to begin. The larger, a veteran of many such encounters, bears the scars of battle on its massive, steel-like jaws. The smaller of the two is less fierce in appearance, but makes up for the liability by a tremendous aggressiveness. It continues to push forward, guided by a mystical force which propels it into battle without concern of possible defeat.

Now contact is made, the larger monter's steel jaws rip through his opponent's hard outer shell. Immediately the life giving interstitial fluid oozes between the jaws and falls on the ground. There is a struggle, the small one appears to have had enough, but cannot extricate himself from those crushing teeth. The victory must be complete and total. The smaller monster is now almost decapitated and bleeding badly. He moves away, still exhibiting the aggressiveness which now benefits him in flight. The victor remains, the juice of his adversary dripping from his mouth. Again the clearing is quiet. Another battle has ended. Place contents of can in saucepan and heat five minutes.

"Hi Ya Fellas.
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Job Interviews

SENIORS

Employers coming to campus soon:

Pinellas County School Board – January 15, 1975

Florida Parole – February 5, 1975

K-Mart (Kresge) – February 5, 1975

Firestone Tire and Rubber Co. – February 13, 1975

Dade County Schools – T.B.A.

Come by the Placement Office to register for interview.

Summer Jobs

Yellowstone Park Company now taking applications.

Federal Employment:

Applications for summer jobs on the basis of Grade Point Average: deadline February 28.

Applications for updating 1974 summer employment eligibility: deadline February 28.

Applications for summer employment examination: deadline January 17th.

CIRCLE K HOLDS ELECTIONS

The Circle K Club of Saint Leo College held elections Thursday night, January 9. The following people were elected to office: Billy Bremer, President; Terry McGough, Vice President; Sally Patterson, Treasurer; Colleen Collins, Recording Secretary; and Jean Devenport, Corresponding Secretary. Mary Bauser, Jim Hurley, Tom Cotter, and Paul Grayner were elected to the Board of Directors. We are looking forward to a most successful and rewarding year.

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